

¹³13. The method of claim ~~12~~⁶ wherein aiming the laser includes a step of selecting the laser such that the laser emits light having the characteristics of an aluminum gallium arsenide semiconductor diode laser.

¹⁴14. The method of claim ~~12~~⁶ wherein said light impinges upon an area of between 0.1 square centimeter and 10 square centimeters.

¹⁵15. The method of claim ~~14~~⁸ further defined by repositioning said laser such that said light impinges upon untreated areas.

¹⁶16. The method of claim ~~12~~⁶ further defined by said laser delivering one pulse.

REMARKS

The Applicants have added claims 12-16 above which correspond to claims 2-6 which were improperly cancelled in the prior amendment. The reason for restoring these claims will be apparent from the following discussion which shows that the prior art was relevant only to claim 1 and that claim 2 clearly distinguished over this art. Claim 12 corresponds to claim 2 and the remaining claims have been made dependant thereon.

The Applicants' invention relates in general to the destruction of blood vessels at depths of up to approximately 1 millimeter without causing explosion of surface blood vessels